

the state with a bureaucracy of regional Emergency Medical Services governing councils with delegated responsibilities to establish patient care guidelines, disburse grant funds and submit regional budget requests. It is more appropriate for the state agency (i.e. DSHS) to be responsible for producing statewide plans for Emergency Medical Services training and equipment after consultation with appropriate advisory bodies, including locally elected public officials.

With the exception of Sections 4 and 7, which I have vetoed, the remainder of Substitute Senate Bill No. 2308 is approved."

CHAPTER 262

[Substitute Senate Bill No. 2451]

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION—TUITION AND FEE WAIVERS

AN ACT Relating to institutions of higher education; creating new sections; and adding new sections to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW a new section to read as follows:

(1) The total dollar amount of tuition and fee waivers awarded by any state university, regional university, state college, or in the case of the state's community colleges, all of the community colleges considered as a whole, shall not exceed four percent of an amount determined by estimating the total collections from tuition, operating, and services and activities fees had no such waivers been made and deducting the portion of that total amount which is attributable to the difference between resident and nonresident fees: PROVIDED, That at least three-fourths of the dollars waived shall be for needy or disadvantaged students under the program authorized by RCW 28B.15.530.

(2) The limitation on total tuition and fee waivers shall apply only to the following programs:

(a) Waivers for needy or disadvantaged students as authorized by RCW 28B.15.530;

(b) Waivers for students enrolled in a course of study or program which will enable them to finish their high school education and obtain a high school diploma or certificate as authorized by RCW 28B.15.520;

(c) Scholarships or waivers for foreign students as authorized by RCW 28B.10.200 and in section 2 of this act: PROVIDED, That awards which are a part of a reciprocal placement program based on contracts with institutions in foreign countries shall be exempt from the limitation in subsection (1) of this section; and

(d) Tuition and fee waiver programs authorized by sections 2, 3 and 4 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The boards of trustees of the regional universities and The Evergreen State College, respectively, are authorized and empowered for the period beginning July 1, 1979 and ending June 30, 1983, to waive all or a part of the difference between the tuition, operating, and services and activities fees charged to resident students and the tuition, operating, and services and activities fees charged to nonresident students during each academic year for not more than twenty students at each institution who are citizens of foreign nations extending such benefits to Washington residents. Such waiver programs, to the greatest extent possible, shall promote reciprocal placements for Washington residents.

****NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28B.15 RCW a new section to read as follows:***

The boards of trustees or regents of each of the state's universities, regional universities, state colleges, and the various community colleges, consistent with regulations and procedures established by the state board for community college education, may waive, in whole or in part, the tuition, operating, and services and activities fees for resident students demonstrating exceptional educational ability or potential.

****Sec. 3. was vetoed, see message at end of chapter.***

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., and to chapter 28B.15 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The boards of trustees of each of the community colleges may waive in whole or in part the tuition, operating, and services and activities fees for "displaced homemakers" as defined by section 3, chapter 73, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. (Senate Bill No. 2406).

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Passed the Senate June 1, 1979.

Passed the House June 1, 1979.

Approved by the Governor June 25, 1979, with the exception of Section 3 which is vetoed.

Filed in Office of Secretary of State June 25, 1979.

Note: Governor's explanation of partial veto is as follows:

"I am returning herewith without my approval as to Section 3, Substitute Senate Bill No. 2451 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to institutions of higher education."

Section 3 allows fee waivers for students of exceptional educational ability or potential. This is a laudable idea, and one which I support in concept, but without a limiting clause it is subject to both abuse and unequal application. Therefore I feel that the only prudent course is to veto the section.

With the exception of Section 3, which I have vetoed, the remainder of SSB 2451 is approved."